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SUBJECT: PROPOSED EXHIBITION OF NIGERIAN ART TREASURES AT THE DETROIT  
INSTITUTE OF ARTS

REF: (A) LAGOS 11426, (B) STATE 237704, (C) LAGOS 10219

1. WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING NOTE (NO. I 2229/77 OF  
DECEMBER 16, 1977) FROM THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS REGARDING  
THE PROPOSAL BY CONGRESSWMAN CHARLES C. DIGGS, JR. THAT AN EXHIBITION  
OF NIGERIAN ART TREASURES BE HELDAT THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS.  
YOU MAY WISH TO PASS IT TO CONGRESSMAN DIGGS, WITH THE SUGGESTION  
THAT HE HAVE THE APPROPRIATE STAFF MEMBER FROM THE INSTITUE BEGIN  
CORRESPONDENCE DIRECTLY WITH DR. EKPO EYO, DIRECTOR OF THE NIGERIAN  
FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES REGARDING THE DETAILS.

2. QUOTE: THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF THE FEDERAL  
REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE EMBASSY OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND HAS THE HONOUR TO REFER TO THE  
EMBASSY'S NOTE NO. 596 OF 30TH AUGUST, 1977, CONVEYING PROPOSAL  
OFFERED BY CONGRESSMAN CHARLES C. DIGGS JR. OF THE STATE OF  
MICHIGAN THAT A MONUMENTAL EXHIBITION OF NIGERIAN ART TREASURES  
REFLECTING THE GREAT ARCHAEOLOGICAL HERITAGE OF NIGERIA BE HELD  
AT THE DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS, 5200 WOODWARD AVENUE, DETROIT,  
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MICHIGAN 48202. THE MINISTRY WISHES TO INFORM THE US EMBASSY  
THAT THE CONDITIONS WHICH THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES  
NORMALLY REQUIRE TO BE FULFILLED FOR TECHNICAL AND SECURITY  
REASONS ARE:

- (I) THE OBJECTS MUST BE FULLY INSURED FROM WALL TO WALL  
BY THE INVITING COUNTRY BEFORE THEY LEAVE NIGERIA.

(II) THE INVITING COUNTRY MUST ALSO PAY FOR THE PACKING  
AND TRANSPORTATION.

(III) THE INVITING COUNTRY ALSO PAYS FOR ONE OR TWO OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF ANTIQUITIES TECHNICAL STAFF TO ACCOMPANY  
THE EXHIBITS ON THE SAME PLANE, TAKE PART IN SECURITY  
ARRANGEMENTS IN THE INVITING COUNTRY AND RETURN TO  
NIGERIA ON THE SAME PLANE AS THE OBJECTS.

THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS WISHES TO STATE THAT IF  
THESE CONDITIONS ARE SATISFIED THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF  
ANTIQUITIES WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO LOAN THE OBJECTS REQUIRED.  
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